



SUSTAINABLE HOME IMPROVEMENT SERIES

**T**HE **BLOOMINGTON HOUSING** and **Redevelopment Authority's** next home improvement seminars will take place on **Thursdays, August 27** and **September 17, 7 p.m.**, in the Civic Plaza Rehearsal Hall, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road. *Tax Incentives for Energy Conservation* on August 27 will feature energy-saving tips, including an overview of products ranging from windows to appliances that are eligible for tax credits. *Household Water Conservation* on September 17 will feature insights on how to conserve water and save money. For information, contact Tom Holman at 952-563-8941 or visit [www.ci.bloomington.mn.us](http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us), keywords: HRA seminars.

A PLACE TO CALL HOME

AGING IN PLACE  
THE LUXURY OF ONE-LEVEL LIVING

**W** **E ALL AGE.** It's a part of life. As we age, we need to take better care of ourselves. The same is true for the more than 12,000 ramblers in Bloomington, which have been around for almost 60 years. We need to update and care for them as they age.

Ramblers are great homes for families just starting out, but they also make excellent retirement dwellings because they're one level. So, what can be done to update these homes for greater mobility as we age? Consider these 10 tips when looking to update your Rambler in time for retirement.

Sources: Bloomington HRA and ADA website.



- 1 Relocate the laundry room to the main floor.
- 2 Redesign with open floor plans to help occupants with mobility issues.
- 3 Make kitchen cabinets more accessible. Create Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant cabinets by installing higher toe kicks, lower countertops and roll-out shelving.
- 4 Remove carpeting or replace it with low-cut pile carpet in homes where a wheelchair will be used. Install a fixed or portable ramp.
- 5 Install grab bars throughout the home where needed.
- 6 Update bathrooms with a walk-in tub or a low- or no-threshold shower.
- 7 Replace old appliances with ADA compliant models that have easy-to-reach controls.
- 8 Install foot pedals, anti-scalding devices on faucets, and levers on doors and faucets.
- 9 Illuminate and lower or raise light switches for easier access.
- 10 Place no-slip grippers in baths and near kitchen and laundry room sinks.

For more information, contact Bloomington Housing and Redevelopment Authority Program Specialist Tom Holman at 952-563-8937.

EXERCISE YOUR RIGHTS! GET OUT AND VOTE!

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PRIMARY ELECTION – SEPTEMBER 15

**T**HERE WILL BE A **PRIMARY ELECTION** for candidates who filed for City Councilmember At Large. This is required when more than two candidates file for an office. The two candidates with the highest number of votes in the primary will advance to the General Election.

The offices of City Councilmember At Large, District I and District II, along with Bloomington School Board Members, will be on the General Election ballot on November 3.

SAMPLE BALLOT

Sample ballots will soon be available to view online, visit our website at [www.ci.bloomington.mn.us](http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us), keyword: Voting.

VOTING ASSISTANCE

Tell the election judges if you need assistance at the polling places. All sites are accessible and have AutoMARK voter-assist terminals to help voters who have disabilities in marking the optical scan paper ballot.

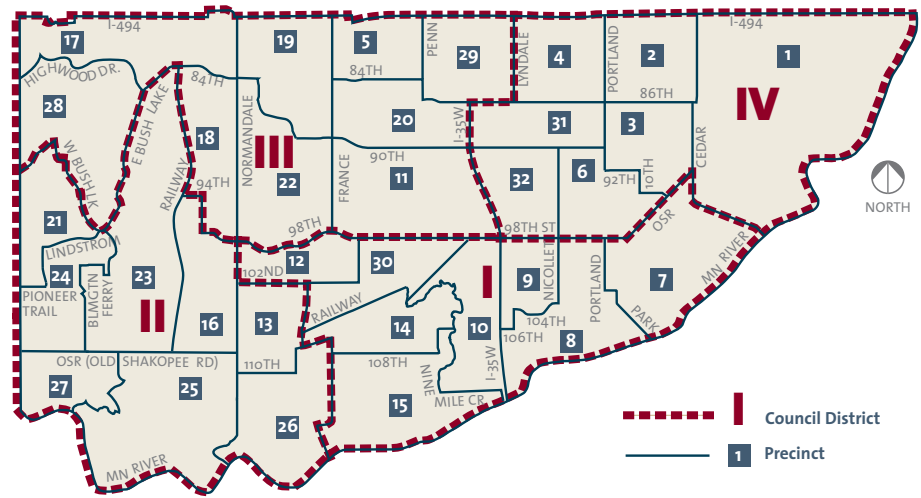
PRECINCTS 1 AND 5  
POLLING LOCATION CHANGES

Voters in Precincts 1 and 5 will be voting at different locations in 2009. Precinct 1 voters will vote at Evergreen Community Church, 2300 East 88th Street. Precinct 5 voters will return to their usual location at Southtown Baptist Church, 2600 West 82nd Street.



2009 BLOOMINGTON POLLING PLACES

POLLS ARE OPEN FROM 7 A.M. TO 8 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY.



Precinct/Polling location

- 1 Evergreen Community Church  
2300 East 88th Street
- 2 Portland Avenue Methodist Church  
8000 Portland Avenue South
- 3 Cedar Valley Church  
8600 Bloomington Avenue
- 4 Unity South Church  
7950 1st Avenue South
- 5 Southtown Baptist Church  
2600 West 82nd Street
- 6 Bloomington Lutheran Church  
9350 Portland Avenue South
- 7 Indian Mounds Elementary School  
9801 - 11th Avenue South
- 8 Riverside Reformed Church  
10201 Nicollet Avenue South
- 9 Nativity of Mary School  
9901 East Bloomington Freeway

Precinct/Polling location

- 10 St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
1701 West Old Shakopee Road
- 11 Bloomington National Guard Armory  
3300 West 98th Street
- 12 Crosspoint Church  
9801 France Avenue South
- 13 Hubert Olson Elementary School  
4501 West 102nd Street
- 14 Mount Hope Lutheran Church  
3601 West Old Shakopee Road
- 15 Westwood Elementary School  
3701 West 108th Street
- 16 Normandale Hylands United Methodist Church  
9920 Normandale Boulevard South
- 17 Peace Lutheran Church  
8600 East Bush Lake Road
- 18 The Church of St. Edward's  
9401 Nesbitt Avenue South

Precinct/Polling location

- 19 St. Stephen Lutheran Church  
8400 France Avenue South
- 20 Washburn Elementary School  
8401 Xerxes Avenue South
- 21 Sunrise Park Shelter  
9401 Bloomington Ferry Road
- 22 Normandale Hills Elementary School  
9501 Toledo Avenue South
- 23 Community of the Cross Lutheran Church  
10701 Bloomington Ferry Road
- 24 Bloomington Lutheran School  
10600 Bloomington Ferry Road
- 25 Bethany Missionary Church  
6900 Auto Club Road
- 26 Southwood Center  
4901 West 112th Street
- 27 Bethany Missionary Gymnasium  
6900 Auto Club Road
- 28 Bloomington Fire Station #6  
8601 Lakeview Road
- 29 Christ the King Lutheran Church  
8600 Fremont Avenue South
- 30 Oak Grove Presbyterian Church  
2200 West Old Shakopee Road
- 31 St. Bonaventure Catholic Church  
901 East 90th Street (Social Hall)
- 32 Oxboro Evangelical Free Church  
9431 Nicollet Avenue South

VOTING INFORMATION: 952-563-8729 – [WWW.BLOOMINGTON.MN.US](http://WWW.BLOOMINGTON.MN.US), KEYWORD: VOTING